



## Missouri Department of Mental Health Housing Unit—2012 Annual Report

**MISSION:** Since 1994, the Department of Mental Health's Housing Unit has assisted Missourians challenged by mental illnesses, substance abuse/addictions and developmental disabilities in obtaining and maintaining safe, decent and affordable housing options that best meet their individual and family needs. The DMH Housing Unit believes that housing is a key to helping Missourians with disabilities and their families attain self-determination and independent living.

### ■ Rental Assistance

#### **Shelter Plus Care—permanent supported housing for disabled homeless persons**

Total budget: \$17,522,784, funded by HUD ■ Total grants in operation: 40 (was 23 in 2007) ■ New grants awarded in 2012:

- West Central Missouri (Saline, Johnson and Pettis Counties), 10 units
- Kirksville/Adair County (Sponsor-based, in partnership with Preferred Family Healthcare), 12 units
- St. Louis County, 20 units
- St. Louis City, Places at Page (Sponsor-based, in partnership with Places for People), 9 units

About the people we served in Shelter Plus Care in 2012:

- 54% are African-American
- 42% are white
- 4% are other or multiple race
- 2% are Hispanic
- 63% of the adults are women
- 35% are children under 18
- 10% are children under 5
- 3% of the adults are veterans
- 6.5% of the adults have experienced domestic violence



#### **Rental Assistance Program (RAP)—transitional supported housing for disabled persons in housing crisis**

Budget: \$848,864, funded by Missouri DMH ■ Total households served: 103 ■ Households transitioned to permanent housing: 7 ■ Households receiving one-time assistance to prevent homelessness: 1

### ■ Public Events and Outreach

**Missouri Housing Summit**, August 16-17, 2012, Jefferson City ■ Attendance: 212

DMH Housing co-sponsored with the [Missouri Housing Development Commission](#) its second annual two-day conference on permanent supported housing development.

**R.E.N.T. Conferences**, May-August 2012, statewide ■ Attendance: 286 total

With financial support from the Olmstead Grant, DMH Housing conducted for the second year a series of six conferences for disabled persons and community support staff about fair housing, landlord-tenant law, and accessing and maintaining affordable housing.

#### **Web and Social Media**

In 2012, DMH Housing began using Twitter and Facebook to stay in touch with stakeholders.

- DMH Housing Web site: <http://dmh.mo.gov/housing/>
- Missouri Housing Matters: <http://missourihousingmatters.blogspot.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dmhhousing>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@DMHHousing>



DMH Housing staff Amy Copeland addresses the 2012 Columbia R.E.N.T. Conference.

### ■ Housing Development, Technical Assistance, and Training

#### **[Boehme-Hinni Apartments, Cape Girardeau](#)**

DMH Housing provided technical assistance to [Community Counseling Center](#) and helped obtain funding for this [HUD 811](#) 10-unit apartment complex for low-income persons with mental illness. The project was completed in September 2012.

#### **[Pathways 811 Project, Cuba](#)**

DMH's partner agency Pathways will build 14 units of permanent supported housing for very low-income persons with help from DMH Housing, which provided technical assistance on obtaining funding.

#### **[Pathways Permanent Supported Housing Project, Jefferson City](#)**

DMH Housing provided technical assistance and help with funding on [Pathways'](#) construction of an eight-unit project of supported permanent housing in Jefferson City for homeless persons with mental illness and chronic substance abuse problems. DMH helped Pathways assemble multiple funding streams from HUD, MHDC, and the Federal Home Loan Bank.

#### **[East Missouri Action Agency 811 Project, Farmington](#)**

DMH Housing fostered a partnership between [East Missouri Action Agency](#) and [BJC HealthCare](#) to build a 14-unit 811 apartment complex for very low-income persons with chronic mental illnesses. DMH Housing also provided technical assistance and helped obtain funding for the project.

#### **[Callyn Heights, Kirksville](#)**

DMH Housing helped [Preferred Family Healthcare](#) with funding and technical assistance on this MHDC low-income housing tax credit-funded project providing 25 affordable rental units for low-income persons. DMH Housing will fund rent costs on 12 of the units for homeless disabled persons with Shelter Plus Care funds awarded from HUD in 2012.

#### **[Pope Apartments, St. Louis](#)**

DMH Housing and long-time partner [Queen of Peace Center](#) collaborated on Pope Apartments in the Penrose neighborhood of north St. Louis to provide 12 units of low-cost housing for homeless women in recovery. DMH funds rent costs with Shelter Plus Care.

#### **[Rauschenbach Place, St. Louis](#)**

DMH Housing worked with [Preferred Family Healthcare](#) on funding for six two-bedroom units housing men with chronic substance abuse issues. DMH's commitment of RAP funds for rent costs helped leverage the transfer of a tax credit-funded property from the St. Louis Equity Fund, and rehab funds from the St. Louis Mental Health Board.

#### **[Shelter Plus Care Training](#)**

DMH Housing staff trained approximately 650 people on the Shelter Plus Care process at over 65 agencies across the state in 2012. Training included mental health community support workers, processing center staff, Continuum of Care representatives, non-profit agency staff, and interested rental property owners. DMH Housing staff also presented on Shelter Plus Care in March at Benefit Specialist Training in conjunction with the University of Missouri's [Technical Assistance and Continuing Education Center](#).